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PRESENT AND FUTURE COAL DEVELOPMENTS.

The proceedings of the American Mining Congress and current contributions to the literature of the coal industry have been full of warnings concerning the early exhaustion of our fuel beds. There is much unpleasant truth in the statements that have been made. It is incontrovertible that in the rush for rapid accumulation of dollars there has been wanton waste of our natural resources. Valuable by-products have been sacrificed, wholesale, although whether this sacrifice has been as bad in the making of coke as has been claimed, is by no means positively established.

Well known makers of coke men of large interests whose lives have been spent in the industry, as that while by-product coke does in some cases save valuable material, it is often used at the expense of the coke produced, and that all the constituents of the coke as it is mined are required in the oven to bring forth the splendid product which has made the fame of the Connelville product world wide.

There is another side to the discussion now going on.

It is established that underlying the Pittsburgh coal seam are many other, smaller and harder to mine, but they are there. The day will come when all these seams will be mined and, with improved methods that may reasonably be expected to come into use as times passes, the cost of such mining may not be as great as now estimated. That it will be greater than the cost of present operations close to the surface of the earth cannot be disputed.

But it must be remembered that England and Germany are taking their coal supplies from seams far deeper than those going thousands of feet into the earth to follow veins which are almost vertical in some parts of the European continent particularly Germany, and working them on a system of levels similar to the practice in deep copper mines of the West. In spite of these conditions both of the above countries give no sign of lagging in the industrial race.

America will have coal for many hundreds of years but to save now means an extension of the period of our industrial supremacy.

KEEPING TAB ON MEN IN THE MINE.

Notwithstanding the many improvements in mining machinery and mining practice, a system of keeping correct tab on the men in the mine has not yet been devised.

The Marianna mine was a model of modern improvement, but when it was wrecked by an explosion the company officials were unable to make a list of those who were in the pit, or even to say how many were there. The experience has been the same in all our big mine disasters, and in most of them dead bodies continued to be found days after it was thought that all were accounted for.

It ought not to be difficult to inaugurate a system of checking the men as they enter and leave the pit, especially in view of the fact that in many mines of a gaseous nature it is only a question of short time until all exits and entrances will be required to be guarded, and all persons entering the mine subjected to search, to more effectively safeguard the mine from the reckless use of matches open lights and other things under ban.

THE THREAT OF INDIAN CREEK COAL.

The reported strike of the coal miners of the Indian Creek Valley is not so remarkable for its industrial extent as for its dire portent to Connelville's water supply.

The Indian Creek Valley is the natural outlet for the mining operations which with the advent of a railroad may soon be expected. For the most part the Indian Creek coal can be shipped, and it will drain into Indian Creek.

Indian Creek is a tributary of the Youghiogheny emptying into the river a few miles above Connelville. While a large portion of its waters are being taken by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's private water line and thus diverted from the Youghiogheny, this diversion will not always continue, and with the development of the Indian Creek coal the stream will become a source of pollution instead of a source of pure water supply.

While this pollution will mean the deterioration of Connelville's unexcelled water supply, it will mean the practical destruction of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's \$6,000,000 or more investment in Indian Creek water.

Under such circumstances it is possible that the Legislature may insist upon coal operators so using their

own property as not to damage or practically destroy that of another in which event we may be spared the evils of a polluted water supply such as our neighboring towns down the river have to bear with and which the State is now making a determined effort to remedy.

The more we study the problems of stream pollution and forest destruction the more convinced we are of the frightful follies we have committed and the stern necessity of strict conservation in the future.

MARIANNA MINE THEORIES.

The Marianna mine explosion is under investigation by public safety interests. An independent expert examination concludes that the disaster was due to coal dust ignited by an explosion of black powder which is forbidden in the mines.

Whether or not coal dust is explosive has long been a much mooted question, but experiments by the Government service would seem to have determined the question in the affirmative.

If black powder was actually used in the Marianna mine it might explain the disaster, but we will have to wait an official investigation before coming to this assumption. The expert in question makes the assertion, but of few men do we have to take his word. In the meantime it is currently asserted that certain patent explosives were in common use in the Marianna mine which was dangerous enough to burn the coal on occasions. This rumor, if established is a fact which renders the black powder story unnecessary.

It is vain, however, to speculate. The cause of the Marianna mine explosion must be found. If found at all, the cause must be one of the factors that the facts are fully ascertained, marshalled in order and presented for consideration together there can be no intelligent deductions.

THE YOUGHIOGHENY GETS ANOTHER HEARING.

The Yough river boomers didn't go to Washington to appear before the House Rivers and Harbors Committee at a manifestly improper time, but they did succeed in presenting their case to the Senate Committee on Commerce as a part of the general argument in favor of the On-to-Cairo movement. The river for the Ohio was eloquent for the Youghiogheny dispute, for waterways improvement comprehensive.

We insist upon the restoration and extension of blackwater on the Youghiogheny was the keynote, and it was skillfully played with all the variations by Master Musician Wallace. He showed the Senators that the Ohio needed the Youghiogheny. He enlarged upon the necessity of impounding the flood waters in the hills as well for the prevention of flood damages as for the guarantee of a proper water supply at all seasons. He dwelt upon the possibilities of Government revenue and industrial growth from the incidental power development. He led the Senate Committee upon the hilltops overlooking the Devil Yough and pointed out its own derelict possibilities as a harnessed levitation.

The communities which make progress are those whose people push hardest. Silent and shaming votes in the Senate are a monument of virtue but in the battle of the Survival of the Fittest it is a Mollusc.

THE PRESIDENT'S VALEDICTORY.

The President's valedictory message was a magnificent last effort. It covers everything Congressmen can think of, and many things which they have not thought of and which perhaps they won't think of with just one striking exception. It does not mention the one topic which will engross the chief attention of the Congressmen, namely, the tariff.

There is a reason for that. However it is understood that President Roosevelt believes that the tariff is a success since it will be dealt with by the Congress which begins its official life contemporaneously with that of President Taft. It was a proper and commendable thing for the President to do.

In spite of its unprecedented length the message is alive in its every paragraph. Neither in diction nor in logic is it dull. It contains food for legislative thought and expansive groundwork for legislative action. Among other things it declares:

"The currency system is imperfect and it is earnestly to be hoped that the Currency Commission will be able to prepare a thoroughly good system which will do away with the existing defects."

Instead of an unwise effort to prohibit all combinations which should be substituted a law which shall expressly permit combinations which are in the interest of the public but shall at the same time give some agency of the National Government full power of control and supervision over them.

The railways of the country should be put completely under the Interstate Commerce Commission and removed from the domain of the anti-trust law. Representatives of the public should have complete power to see that the railroads do their duty by the public.

Tariffs and telephone companies are in a position to be used with the power of the Interstate Commerce Commission. In this connection the nation should not forget that the telephone is a public utility and that the telephone company is a public utility.

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YOUGH RIVER PLANS ARE BIG FACTOR IN "ON-TO-CAIRO" SCHEME SAYS WALLACE.

Tells Commerce Committee of the Senate That Improvement of the Ohio River Cannot Be Successful Unless Headwaters of Youghiogheny Are Impounded.

President B. P. Wallace of the Chamber of Commerce Monday presented a detailed report of the visit of the Connelville committee to the National Rivers and Harbors Congress in Washington last week. Mr. Wallace says:

Wednesday morning was spent at the meeting of the Rivers and Harbors Congress in the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce. The Congress was called to order by Congressman Joseph E. Ransdell who presided over all the sessions. At this session each representative made a statement. Fairbanks, Ambassador James E. East of Great Britain, and Andrew Carnegie delivered addresses. Mr. Wallace presented the report of the Connelville committee. Mr. Wallace said that the improvement of the Ohio River cannot be successful unless the headwaters of the Youghiogheny are impounded.

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JUDGE UMBEL SOUNDS CALL FOR LARGER COURT HOUSE.

Outlines Pressing Need of County for Larger Quarters: More Offices May Be Created Soon.

CONTROLLER AFTER CENSUS

Together With Division in Offices of
Prothonotary and Register and Re-
corder—Some Officers Have No
Place to Work at Present

UNIONTOWN Dec. 12.—The call for a larger court house was made by Judge Embel at a meeting in an address to the Grand Jury. Judge Embel called attention to the fact that the present court house is entirely too small to meet all needs, while a lot of 1 1/2 acres the county may

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RINEHART JURY UNABLE TO AGREE DISCHARGED AT 10:30 A. M. MONDAY.

Were Out 42½ Hours Deliberating Over a Verdict But
Could Not Reach Unanimous Decision.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY CRITICAL.

Says Rinehart's First Criminal Trial
Has Just Begun and Not Ended
Charges Use of Money, Influence
and Politics By Corrupt Henchmen

WAYNESBURG, Dec. 14.—The Rinehart jury has disagreed. At 9 o'clock Monday the jury sent in a letter to Judge Ingraham announcing that it was impossible for them to reach a verdict. Judge Ingraham advised them to consult further and make every effort to reach a verdict. The jury had then been out 41 hours, and had practically spent the entire Sunday in deliberating over a verdict.

At 10:30 o'clock they again notified the court that they were hopelessly split upon a decision and asked for their discharge. They were then brought into the court room and formally dismissed.

When informed that the jury had been discharged District Attorney Stargers said: "Rinehart's first criminal trial has just begun and is not ended. While he achieved a temporary delay by the lavish use of money by undue influence exerted by his political henchmen and corrupt henchmen, and by additional influence exerted by those who are yet willing to accept a part of the remainder of his fortune to stand between him and the bars of justice. The Commonwealth is not discouraged but will wait until an early date be set for a new trial. There are many rumors of the jury having been tampered with and the giving out of information from the jury room which the District Attorney says he will investigate. The court has already decided that a searching inquiry be made."

AGED MINERS LIVING ON FRUITS OF LABORS.

Three Well Known and Enterprising
Miners Who Are Well Provided
For At Altoverton

Living at Altoverton in a stone's throw of where he labored for over a quarter of a century, James H. Bush is an old and respected citizen there is taking life easy now on the fruits of his labor and a pension from the H. C. Frick Coke Company for whom he was employed for 25 consecutive years. In the same coke making town are James DeRist and William Huston, both of whom work for the Frick Company and nearly 30 years and have been spending their days in peace and plenty as the result of this company's pension plan and their own earnings. Mr. Bush first worked for the Altoverton mines when they were owned by Mr. Pleasant people and when the Frick concern swallowed up the smaller mines in that section he continued on and seldom missed a day at his occupation. Well preserved for a man of his years the old miner is enjoying excellent health now.

Over at the Buckeye works near Altoverton are two other veteran employees of the Frick Company who are knocking their pipe of peace and contentment. They are George Shroka and Thomas Lawton. Mr. Lawton is a district relative of the late General Lawton and greatly resembles the Minnie hero of the Buckeye man is considerably older. Mr. Lawton was employed almost exclusively at the works within a few steps of his pleasant little home. The Buckeye works are still standing but decay has set in and they soon will be obliterated. Mr. Shroka worked nearly 30 years for the Frick Company but his last time never learned the English language so that he could carry on a conversation. He understands much better than he can impart his rich life's family all speak English and are in the employ of the company.

At Hammondville lives an old miner named Raymond who spent nearly 30 of his best years in the employ of the company and now they are looking after him in his declining years.

To obtain a pension under the Carnegie Relief Fund of the H. C. Frick Coke Company it is necessary for the employee to have worked for 15 consecutive years and attained the age of 60 years. The pensioner being paid a certain percentage of his wages when last employed by the company. Most of the Westmoreland county pensioners were skilled workmen and of course draw a very comfortable income from the company. In cases where for some reason or other the pensioner does not own his home the company furnishes him a home garden and fuel free and at times during the year presents food to these pensioners in remembrance of what the pensioner was to the company in the days of And Lang Syno.

The Stork at Dawson.
Burgess Harry Cochran of Dawson is the proud father of a bright little girl that came on Monday.

PROMOTIONS COMING ON PENNSYLVANIA.

Andrew Keiser Formerly Superintendent
of the Southwest Branch is
on the List

R. L. O'Donnell General Superintendent
of the Buffalo & Allegheny division
with headquarters in Buffalo is to be
promoted to General Superintendent
of the Westmoreland division.

Another local division
superintendent is to be promoted
to succeed S. C. Long who is to be
given a higher position according to
reports circulated yesterday.
R. F. Morrow superintendent of the
Pittsburgh division will be made
general superintendent of the Buffalo
& Allegheny division to succeed Mr.
O'Donnell it is said and Andrew
Keiser superintendent of the Cora
munch division will also figure in the
promotions. Another local division
superintendent to be promoted accord-
ing to the report is P. A. Rondeletti
of the Pittsburgh division of the Pen-
nsylvania system. General Superintendent
Long is considered one of the best
operating men on the Pennsylvania
system and here is a great deal of
speculation as to what position he
will occupy when the shift is made.

BRIEF NOTES OF THE COUNTY COURTS.

Many Minor Matters Disposed of
That Are of General
Interest

Allen G. Litgow has presented a
petition for the right to conduct a de-
fective agency in the county. A for-
mer petition was not properly drawn
up.

A charter was granted the Polish
American Citizens Club of Everson.
The temporary injunction restrain-
ing the collection of taxes from levies
upon the personal effects of James
H. Rybeck, proprietor of the Panola
Hotel at South Brownsville has been
continued indefinitely.

A divorce has been granted Eliza
Watkins from James F. Watkins her
husband.

John Ward has been appointed a
special officer by Sheriff Johns to pro-
secute merchants who sell goods on
Sunday. Ward is said to have been
paid by the Sabbath Observance Asso-
ciation.

E. C. McCullough and Albert M.
Hustan have brought suit against
the Brownsville Manufacturing & Smith-
ing Co. to recover damages for the
loss of a valuable article.

George Harper, residing at the
lancet of four rooms from George
Grove, a resident of Brownsville.
Alfred Niemczyk was ordered to
pay his wife \$8 per week.

Mr. Fakhos, charged with assault
on the person by Andy Bilich was dis-
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SPITE WORK CHARGED BY SOMERSET BOARD.

Prosecution of Poor Directors' Post
Case and Defense Will Occupy
Two Days

SOMERSET, Pa., Dec. 14.—The
prosecution in the criminal case
against the poor directors of Somer-
set county was brought to a close at
Altoverton, Pa. Judge O'Donnell
allowed the defense to present its case
and to cross-examine the witnesses.
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GEORGE WASHINGTON AS A MILLER.

A recent issue of the Northwestern Miller, published in Milledgeville, Ga., contains an interesting article on George Washington as a Miller.

The article is of special interest because Washington had his mill right here in Fayette county and at Berryopolis, it can yet be seen. The article reads:

George Washington was all unconsciously a prophet, an embodiment of the enterprise and industry which are elemental in the peculiarly American character. He is the American hero, the American ideal, and an inspiration to all who follow him. He was a man of letters, a man of science, a man of war, a man of peace, a man of all things. He was a man of all things, a man of all things, a man of all things.

Nor is it strange that so picturesque a phase of his already versatile self should be shrouded in obscurity, considering that his name is so prominent in the region around the ancient Fort Duquesne. Interest seems to have been subsided when everything in sight has been labeled "Washington." The counties of Washington and Fayette are rich in historical lore and the country replete with memories from the battle of the blue hills of New England. The Pike itself—this romantic vision of a national road carving and undulating its magnificent length from Philadelphia to Washington and even to Texas—but that its sponsors shamelessly lost it somewhere in Indiana—the Pike itself might well be called Washington, it seems so with recollections, bearing the stigma of Bradford's leather headgear, along with the glory of Washington's defense at Great Meadows. These things drop up not proudly and in wealth of detail as a rich heritage of history, out in terms of "Washington," which the native of the traveler as something the latter has known familiarly from infancy and the traveler, being surprised into the knowledge that those wooden fragments of his history days are animated and gilded and diplomatically acquiescent. Thus it is that the tale of Washington's mill is still practically untold.

The first and most convincing proof that Washington was a miller is of course the mill itself, which is located in the vicinity of the present village of Berryopolis. Pa. It is an estate known as the Washington mill. The mill property consisted of 320 acres of a tract called "Washington." It also held the spring which tradition says was walked up by the young Washington himself while he was there during the Bradford campaign.

The mill is not only the other mills of the period. It is hip-roofed and moss-grown dappled with the shadows of the clean, fragrant woods and horn with age and the persecution of the elements just as the bawling stream protesting against the labor of its wheel is now famous and gay with the burden of its years. It is a really old settler that brook, striding around the boulders in its path and garrulous with the fertility of its find but without a peasant talker of the language and laughter of wool nymphs.

However, there are extant more authentic records of Washington's building and subsequent operation of the mill upon his property than merely the somewhat dubious authenticity of a mill and a talkative brook. The first mention of it in writing occurs in Washington's Journal of 1770 where he refers simply to a mill seat on a small site in (since named "Washington's Run") which he bought through his farm. There is no doubt of the veracity of the journal which was the account of Washington's campaign through the Indian War. Data pertinent to his service was collected and printed under his signature and for lack of a more appropriate name was called George Washington's Journal. Copies of it can be found only in Harrisburg, Washington, D. C., and a few libraries and museums. According to the journal, it was his purpose to build a mill at this place and preparations were soon after (1771) commenced by Gilbert Simpson, whom Washington sent out as manager of his property here. The first business however was to cause the erection of a log house, which stood adjoining the present residence of John Rice. Local history relates that this farm house afterward became the headquarters of the operation carried on by Simpson in behalf of the property.

The mill was begun happily enough and there is no evidence to show that the court had cause to issue an injunction interfering with its construction. So "tenderfoot" was the law of the rights of individuals is that the mill could be erected on an ancient and honorable claim—required the sheriff to summon twelve freeholders of the vicinage to meet on the road to determine if any of the adjoining lands would be affected by the backwater from the dam, and the damages and make report to the

court. This law must have been in operation when Washington erected his mill since it is a matter of record that between 1777 and 1781 applications were made by the following persons and confirmed by the court as establishing mill seats at the places designated: Paul Froman, on Mingo Creek, Colonel John Campbell on Campbell Run emptying into Charities Creek on the west side near the mouth of Robinson Run, Nicholas Pease on Charities Creek, B. S. Brown on Big Redstone Creek, Dorsey Penicost on the eastern branch of Charities Creek.

Early in the construction of the mill Washington's agent Valentine Crawford assumed charge. Simpson apparently having been detailed to do some work of a peaceful nature for the General. A letter from Crawford to Washington dated June 8, 1774, informed him that Simpson has completed the fort at the Bottoms, "Lutes" Crawford wrote as follows:

Jacob Creek, July 27, 1774. My wagon and team have been at work a year mill for some time. I have been at work a year mill for some time. I have been at work a year mill for some time. I have been at work a year mill for some time.

But it seems that the construction of the mill was delayed for some cause (possibly the opening of the war of the Revolution) so that two years had elapsed from the time of its commencement before it was completed and put into operation as is shown by a letter dated September 20, 1776, written by Valentine Crawford to General Washington when the latter was engaged in the maneuvers of his army around the city of New York after the battle of Long Island.

The following extract from the letter refers to the opening of the mill in the quaint language of the period: "I this spring before I came over the mountain called at Simpson's to see your mill for the first time of these years. I think it is the best mill I ever saw anywhere although I think one of the best in the world. It is a fine mill and will do a great deal of work. It is a fine mill and will do a great deal of work. It is a fine mill and will do a great deal of work."

From this time until 1785 little is known as to what was done with Washington's mill or on his lands in this vicinity. On the twenty-third of September in that year he wrote to Thomas Lee, who had succeeded Valentine Crawford as his agent as follows:

If you would not have offers in a short time for the hire of my mill alone or for the mill with one hundred acres of land and a mill, I think I am able to let it on share to build a good and substantial mill on the site of the old one standing and to erect a proper fore bay in place of the old one which now conducts the water to the wheel and in a word to put the mill in proper repair. If you should be driven to this for want of a man, let public notice be given and the work let to the lowest bidder. The mill must be paid out of the first moneys you receive for rent or otherwise. If I could get after hundred acres of land and one hundred acres of land I most convenient thereof I would let it go for that money.

G. WASHINGTON. Washington, however, did not succeed in selling or otherwise disposing of his lands until the fall of 1788 when they were leased for a term of five years to Colonel Israel Shreve, who afterward became their purchaser.

On the thirty-first of July 1795, General Washington through his attorney James Ross of Pittsburgh entered into articles of agreement to sell and convey in fee simple to Israel Shreve the consideration of four thousand pounds the mill and 164 1/2 acres of land with all appurtenances consisting of the fire surveys before mentioned.

Having built the mill and established its integrity upon the firm foundation of Washington's Journal and correspondence history thereupon entered into a sort of genealogy like unto the line of England's kings for many generations, names which how ever bring to light the remarkable fact that the mill was in active operation during all of 140 years except for a few years prior to 1790 when it was out of repair and in disuse. This property relates the ruins passed to Powell Hough and from him to John Strickler and Jacob Strawn. Strawn's heirs sold it to George Anderson who repaired it in 1849 and later sold it to Samuel Smith, whose possession (Smith family) it still is. The mill is in the name of the present Smith owner by name Angi who has owned the mill for several years. He is totally blind yet weighs about the grain and after grinding it weighs out the meal by a system of pebbles or sticks.

George Washington, gentleman farmer is known to have been a significant business man and the location and time of erection of his mill proves that G. Washington miller was but an eye to business. The interest of the mill in the millstone industry to the story of his mill. Where the mill was built on the slope of the Allegheny mountains, a rather precipitous descent, a road through a ravine in the green wall of the woods and leads to

a retreat called Bosson's Mill near Laurel Hill. Previous to the erection of Washington's mill the farmers in the region of the Washington mill and notably in the vicinity of Brownsville, which was at that time the center of activity in Western Pennsylvania and the historic gateway to the West—these for distant and complaining farmers were obliged to carry their corn 20 miles to mill and to judge by their elaborate petition over a mountain trail.

At April Sessions 1771 says the Outline of Civil History a petition was presented by the inhabitants of southwestern Fayette county setting forth the want of a road leading into Bradford's road or any part of the mountain and further we would observe that from the natural situation of the country we, who at the present live on the west side of the Monongahela river are obliged frequently to carry corn 20 miles to the mills of Henry Beeson near Laurel Hill and in all probability at some seasons of the year will even have to do so and therefore praying for a road from near Redstone Old Fort to Henry Beeson's mills on the top of Laurel Hill.

With the building of Washington's mill the prevailing inhabitants and greatly vexed colonists who thought they would ever have to do so were relieved from the tedious necessity of carrying corn over a rough mountain trail and in all probability became serene patrons of their future President. Other mills were built shortly afterward.

It is this state of mill affairs did not greatly detract from the road prayed for and as it became the great highway of millstone traffic, a Golden Time was given it.

The opening of the road to Redstone (the Brownsville located near Pittsburgh) and a stable rival to that of being an extension of Bradford's road to the nearest navigable waterway to the West—and the subsequent establishment of two other roads—caused the month of Redstone to become a very notable place. It was the point of general embarkation of traders and emigrants to Kentucky and Ohio or as it was termed, going down the river. It became a great place for shipping, millstones made on Laurel Hill to Kentucky and the West. The writer has seen a man on 30 pure living at the mouth of Redstone at a time from 1780 to 1808 waiting for boats and water to float them off—this is for the first spring rise in the Monongahela. At the mouth of Redstone there lies at the present time a great millstone partly submerged by the mud and water of the creek by virtue of its formidable composition and well preserved relic of a century and a quarter ago that period when he was father of his country, miller's sign.

CELEBRATED HER 77TH ANNIVERSARY.

Mrs. Mary Lehigh Tendered a Little Surprise at the Home of Her Son, Grant Lehigh.

In the presence of a few of her most intimate friends Mrs. Mary Lehigh one of the most widely known residents of Dunbar township celebrated her 77th birthday Friday, December 12, at the home of her son, Grant Lehigh, near Vanderburg. The affair was so cleverly arranged by her daughter-in-law that it was indeed a complete surprise to the aged lady. A feature of the gathering was an elaborate turkey dinner served at high noon. A souvenir postal card shower followed over 80 very pretty cards being received by Mrs. Lehigh. The guests present were Mrs. F. Lehigh, Mrs. Fred Lehigh, Mrs. C. S. Lehigh, Shallenberger and Mrs. C. S. Lehigh. After spending a most enjoyable day the ladies departed for their respective homes.

23 MORE BIRTHS THAN DEATHS.

Stork Maintained Its Supremacy Over the Grim Reaper During the Month of November.

The Stork gave the Grim Reaper a hard and winning chase during the month of November in the district of George B. Brown, registrar of vital statistics. There were 14 births in the district against only 11 deaths a difference of 23.

Bullskin township showed the greatest percentage of birth over deaths in the record here being 9 or 1 in Connellville township there were 13 births to deaths in Connellville through the births numbered 20 against 14 deaths.

TENTH STAFF

Adjutant Hitchenham of Mt. Pleasant Made Commissary.

GRENSBURG, Pa., Dec. 10.—Colonel Richard Coulter announced a staff appointment in the Tenth Regiment Infantry, U. S. A. as a result of the recent election of his brother, Captain Henry W. Coulter as major. The staff was made up of Captain A. W. Powell of Pittsburgh, Regimental Commissary, has been named Battalion Adjutant John D. Hitchenham of Mt. Pleasant, the present Controller of Westmoreland county becomes Commissary and William R. Harris of New Brighton, Pa., becomes adjutant. Harris is the only new member of the staff served in the Philippines with the Tenth.

WILLIAM REZY CONVICTED OF EMBEZZLEMENT.

Took Jury But Few Minutes to Reach Decision in Uniontown Bank Case.

DEFENSE DENIED CHARGES.

Said Trouble Was Caused by Rutsek's Faulty System of Bookkeeping and Rezy Only Took What He Was Entitled to—Prosecution Scored.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 10.—It took the jury in the case against William Rezy former manager of the Rutsek bank in Uniontown less than an hour to reach an agreement today and the Rezy case was concluded. Judge Lutz followed a short charge and then the court took an adjournment at 1:30 p. m. The jury returned at 1:45 and its verdict was read when court convened for the afternoon session at 2:15.

This case has lacked the anticipated sensational features and developments and this morning were common place. Much was expected from the case but it developed that the Rutsek bank was a failure. The Rutsek bank was a failure. The Rutsek bank was a failure. The Rutsek bank was a failure.

At the close of Rezy's testimony the defense rested and Judge Edward Campbell then submitted the points of law as they appeared to counsel for the defense. Attorney R. P. Kennedy argued the case.

Rezy admitted the faulty system of bookkeeping but claimed this was not his fault. He also denied that Rezy had run away as he claimed to have been in touch with him at all times before his disappearance. The manager wanted to keep away from Uniontown because he feared violence at the hands of ignorant depositors.

The blame of the whole trouble was placed on Rutsek by the speaker and Miss Sadie Robinson, Kennedy argued was kind to somebody in keeping quiet about affairs in the bank until after the disappearance. Kennedy then proceeded to account for the missing money saying it really belonged to Rezy and the other \$500 was used for legitimate purposes.

Following Kennedy's argument Attorney J. C. Fieger argued for the Commonwealth. He also admitted that Rezy had run away but said a man didn't have to be an expert to keep accounts straight. He declared Rezy's mistakes were not so he had been innocent blunders. Attorney Higbee scored the defense for taking up much time introducing matters foreign to the case at issue.

The morning session in Court Room No. 2 was taken up with the second trial of William Rezy, accused of stealing William Rutsek with intent to kill. This assault took place a few hours after the one on which Rezy was previously convicted. Rezy was convicted on this count by the jury.

Court Notes. Roland Black convicted of a criminal assault on Annie Blasquez, a foreign girl was given five years to the penitentiary.

Wide Heild colored was given year to the workhouse for trying to assault a Fairbanks girl. Sox G. M. a negro, after a year in jail for robbing James Eaves of his tail.

Sam Gordon cashed another man's check at Fairbanks and got 60 days in jail for it.

Harry Lambert and Cliff Hunt will plead with the Sheriff for 90 days for stolen tools.

Paul V. Co. drew the usual sentence for carrying a gun.

Miss Inspector Williams will pay no costs in his prosecution of George Strohle for violating the anti-liquor law. The jury acquitted the defendant. Edwin Miller 17 was prosecuted on a serious charge by Miss Ellen Hart of Tyngs Township. Miller admitted visiting the woman on election day but said she invited him to come and that he had been there since. He was convicted of a misdemeanor and will pay the costs.

Constable J. K. Chittus will pay the costs in his prosecution of T. M. and J. M. who he charged with larceny. The jury didn't agree with Chittus contention that they were song birds.

William Crowhorse was acquitted of a perjury charge pleaded by J. A. Nibbolls.

The Title & Trust Company was named guardian for the minor child of the late R. B. Cox, of Connellville.

Wade Heild sentenced earlier in the week to a year in the workhouse had two years added to his assault upon W. H. Fields.

Amos Young convicted of assault and battery and the robbery of 75 cents will spend six months in jail.

Joseph Roberts of Mt. Disher was fined \$2 and costs for being convicted of a misdemeanor.

Charles Henry was fined \$3 and costs for breaking a lamp in the Republic mine.

Annie Price was acquitted of the charges brought by her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Stedley for molesting in the Nadel's home and removing the same. Mother and daughter decided to live together in peace.

CHILD LABOR BILL UNDER CRITICISM. Delaney Measure Denounced As Impotent, Inadequate and Disgraceful.

After denunciation of the child labor bill drafted by Chief Factory Inspector John C. Delaney was made by members of the Pennsylvania Child Labor Association at a public hearing held at the Hotel Hamilton. Provisions of this bill for children under 14 years of age in occupations so far as the bill is inadequate and a disgrace to the face of the man who proposes that they be enacted into law.

Attention was taken to Chief Delaney's project to continue to test authority in the 1909 Washington act and a letter of the House in Pennsylvania to issue permits which release children from school and start them on lives of labor. A provision in the Delaney bill draft which empowers these officials to decide a child's fitness for work during the summer vacation of a five months long was severely criticized by Mr. Hill.

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FOOTDALE PRIEST VICTIM

Of P. J. Kieran Who Loaned Him Money on Notes.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 10.—The O'Connell of the St. Vincent's Catholic Church at Footdale was a victim in the alleged regular business and financial methods of P. J. Kieran who until he fled from the City of New York became a fact was the fact that the priest in the past is the defendant in a suit brought by the Catholic Trust Company of New York for the collection of two \$2500 notes.

The two notes which were given by Kieran some time ago to a local priest, Rev. O'Connell, were to be paid by certain installments. Kieran approached the priest with a scheme to obtain money to erect the new church. He advanced the money and gave the two notes to the Catholic Trust Company of New York which is in the process of collecting them.

Kieran's alleged scheme is to receive a note for an amount of money loaned and fail to cancel or return it to a lender after he has received in installment and a note for the balance.

DEATH LIST GROWS.

Marianna Mine Gives Up Three More Victims—Dead Number 52.

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ROYCROFT PHILOSOPHY

BY FRA ELBERTUS



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NEW SCHOOL CODE IS NEARLY READY.

Commission Hopes Soon to Have Completed Its Genetic Task. Many Questions to Consider.

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AGE LIMIT ON P. R. R. MEN TO BE LOWERED.

The Employees Are Discussing Retirement Changes—Would Mean Retirements.

Pennsylvania railroad men are discussing a matter that has been a fact with the last few days of the fact that the age limit of P. R. R. men who are over 40 years of age will be lowered to 35 years of age.

Official were consulted in regard to this and all of them declared that no statement has come from the railroad men. For the last time the company has been planning to lower the age limit of its men to 35 years of age.

A few more men will be added to the list of men who are over 40 years of age and will be lowered to 35 years of age.

TO HIS FRIENDS. Thomas Markey Left an Estate Valued at \$10,000.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 9.—Thomas Markey, who lived in Uniontown, died a few days ago as a consequence of an illness following a fall. He left an estate valued at \$10,000.

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TO SPEND BIG SUM ON BEAR RUN CLUB.

Shriners Take Property Over and Will Erect costly Building Next Year.

Next improvements are to be made next spring to the Bear Run Club property at Bear Run by the Shriners Improvement Company, which is composed of members of the Shriners Temple, Shriners Temple, Shriners Temple, Shriners Temple.

At a meeting of Shriners Temple Friday evening a deal was closed whereby the Shriners Improvement Company takes over the management of the property and pays \$5000. Before after the action some big officers are made the Shriners Temple Club for the 1910 year which consists of 113 acres of fine timber land, benches which is said to be a common lot of coal. The grounds will be used by all members of the Shriners Temple in a picnic of 1000 men and women and fishing and hunting which will be greatly improved.

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Them While Individuals Spent
Thousands of Dollars.—Fires Burn
After a Snow Fall.

"The unprecedented destruction this season by forest fires in West Virginia has called the attention of the people, as never before, to the necessity of better protection to woods and watersheds," says J. H. Maxwell, chairman of the West Virginia Conservation Commission. "The relationship between denuded mountains and floods is better understood than formerly and the problem of a future timber supply has ceased to be a question for academic discussion."

"Every one of the 55 counties had one or more fires, some being small and spreading through a few woodlots only, others covering more than 50,000 acres. The areas burned aggregated 1,700,000 acres, approximately one-fifth of the wooded area of the State. Timber burned amounted to more than 943,500,000 feet, board measure, about 3 per cent. of the entire estimated standing timber, large and small, in the State, or two-thirds of the output of all the sawmills of West Virginia in 1907."

"Money losses were heavy. The value of timber burned was \$2,903,500. There were losses in manufactured lumber, tanbark, building and other improvements amounting to \$490,175. This year there was an unusually heavy damage to undergrowth and soil, and this has been placed at one dollar an acre for every acre burned, making a loss of \$1,703,850 in the State. These losses total up to \$5,097,325. The reported expenditures by the State and individuals for fire fighting form an interesting contrast to the loss of more than \$5,000,000. The amount which county treasurers and companies are reported to have spent to suppress fires was only \$646; individuals and companies are reported to have spent about \$89,000."

"The injury to the soil from fire was much more severe this season in West Virginia than ever before, not alone because the burned area was larger than in any former year, but also for the reason that excessive dryness exposed the humus to a great depth. Ground fires have been unusual heretofore in this State, but this season they were common and widespread. Two human lives were lost in the fires."

"Mountain people fought fires in the past, when they fought at all, by raking the leaves and sticks from a fire lane two or three feet wide and back firing. That method failed this year. Fires crossed the lanes by burning the humus beneath the surface, and then started up on the farther side. The fires burned so deeply in the humus that an unusual phenomenon was presented when a snow fall came early in November. The snow apparently extinguished the fires, but it went away quickly under the influence of a strong, dry wind, and the fires came up and out of the ground and were soon spreading again. I saw an interesting example of this. In the morning the snow in the woods was two inches deep and no fire was to be seen. Before sunset the snow was gone and the leaves were burning."

"Large tracts of land on the high mountains were denuded of soil down to the rocks. Over much of the area where the Pottsville Conglomerate is the surface formation, there never was much mineral soil. Beds of moss, lichen, leaves and decaying wood formed a covering for the rocks which gave anchorage to the roots of the forest trees. Over extensive tracts, soils of that kind were absolutely destroyed."

FREE COAL IS OPPOSED.

Pittsburghers Appear Before Tariff
Committee at Washington.

A delegation of Pennsylvania and West Virginia bituminous coal operators appeared before the tariff committee at Washington Thursday. The Pittsburgh Coal Company was represented by W. R. Woodford and Cyrus E. Woods, Keystone Coal Company by Representative George F. Huff, M. W. Saxman and Robert Cassatt, the Fairmount Coal Company by former Governor A. B. Fleming, of West Virginia, and the Rochester & Pittsburgh Coal Company by B. M. Clarke. These companies have an annual output of over 200,000,000 tons.

Mr. Woodford addressed the committee the others filing briefs. Free coal was opposed, except in the case of Canada, with which country reciprocity was recommended.

Inspect Coke Region Lines.
R. T. Morrow, superintendent of the Pittsburgh division of the Pennsylvania railroad, W. A. Terry, general freight agent of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie; Robert Pirney, general superintendent of the Baltimore & Ohio, and other railroad officials Tuesday inspected the lines in the coke region.

FIELD NEWS IN CONCISE FORM.

William F. Soisson of Connellsville has sold his interest in the Union Connellsville Coke Company, to Jacob H. Lynn of Uniontown. Mr. Lynn owned an interest and this additional stock, gives him a half interest. The property is near Tower Hill, and shafts are being sunk and bids for erection of ovens are being asked.

The Duluth & Iron Range railroad, a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation, has ordered 800 ore cars from the Standard Steel Car Company.

Lack of water still prevents the Acme plant of W. J. Rainey from resuming. It will be started as soon as possible.

John P. Stevenson, superintendent of the Magee plant, who has been a reader of The Weekly Courier for 20 years, says there is no paper like the Courier for coke men. Mr. Stevenson knows a good thing when he sees it.

One or two blast furnaces at the big new plant of the United States Steel Corporation at Gary, Ind., will be started January 1 to provide gas power. During the coming year the new plant will be a point of interest to coke producers as well as steel manufacturers. Its furnaces will consume a big coke tonnage. Steel making will begin about April 1.

Some 40 additional ovens have been added to the active list at the McKeesport works in the lower region. There is a marked increase in activity in that section.

Governor-elect W. E. Glasscock of West Virginia, at a dinner given during the Mining Institute of that State at Charleston last week, declared he intended to co-operate with the coal industry of his State to make mining safer and to conserve natural resources. Supt. F. C. Keighley of the Oliver & Snyder Steel Company's coke plants made an address on his new method for supporting a mine roof.

Coal thieves at Middletown, Pa., have become so daring that they are changing the signs on the Pennsylvania railroad to hold up freight trains in order to steal coal from the cars. The contents of several cars have been dumped on the tracks by the thieves.

The Davis Colliery Company has fired all of its ovens at Coalton, Hardin and Junior, W. Va., except 50 at Coalton, which will be lit when the water supply increases.

Michael Callaghan, a son of the late mine inspector, Bernard Callaghan, has been appointed Mine Foreman at the Martin plant in the lower region, recently acquired by the Republic Iron & Steel Company. Mr. Callaghan is well known throughout the region.

The jury in the case of C. S. Cochran against Alexander Dempster, W. A. Deburn and J. E. Barnes last week brought in a verdict of upwards of \$15,000 for the plaintiff, the suit having been for commissions claimed on the sale of West Virginia coal lands. The defendants moved for a new trial.

The H. C. Frick Coke Company has sealed up 252 ovens, comprising the Averton No. 1 plant and it is not expected to resume before next spring, if then. The plant has been idle for many months.

Fred P. Truesdale, special freight agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad for this district, with headquarters at Uniontown, was a visitor in Connellsville during the week.

The rain-drops which fell in such welcome showers during the past few days were gold-tipped for the Connellsville region and the snow helped some. Jupiter Pluvius and Old Boreas have joined forces in a water-stage campaign.

Supt. J. B. Henderson of the Paul plant of W. J. Rainey is much interested in alfalfa as a fodder crop, as the result of a trip he took through the West. Mr. Henderson proposed to plant some fields at Paul in alfalfa next spring as he believes it will thrive in this climate, having made some experiments during the past summer.

The Illinois Central Railroad is experimenting with a mixture of coke and oil as fuel for its locomotives, to abate the smoke nuisance in and about Chicago. Two yard engines are being equipped for trial.

The Coal Trade Journal, a reputable publication, credits the Weekly Courier with its recent article on the subject of "push" ovens. Some publications in the coal field are not so scrupulous.

WILL EXTEND VALLEY ROAD TO JONES' MILLS.

Said That Plans Are Well Under Way
to Push Further Work on Indian
Creek Valley Railway.

Plans are well under way, it is said, for an extension of the Indian Creek Valley Railroad from its present terminals at Rogers' Mills to Jones' Mills. This is another step in the ultimate intention to extend the road to Ligonier.

The next extension, it is said, will tap the rich coal fields of the Indian Creek Valley Coal & Coke Company. In which D. B. Zimmerman and the Mellons of Pittsburgh are said to be interested. This coal has been practically worthless heretofore because of the total lack of shipping facilities. The railroad, of which Charles F. Hood of Connellsville is president, will afford an outlet for coal mined on this property and will result in its development.

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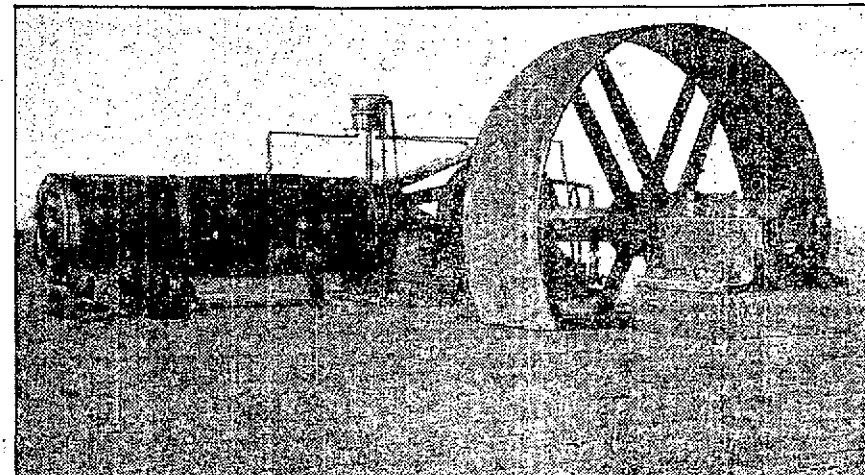
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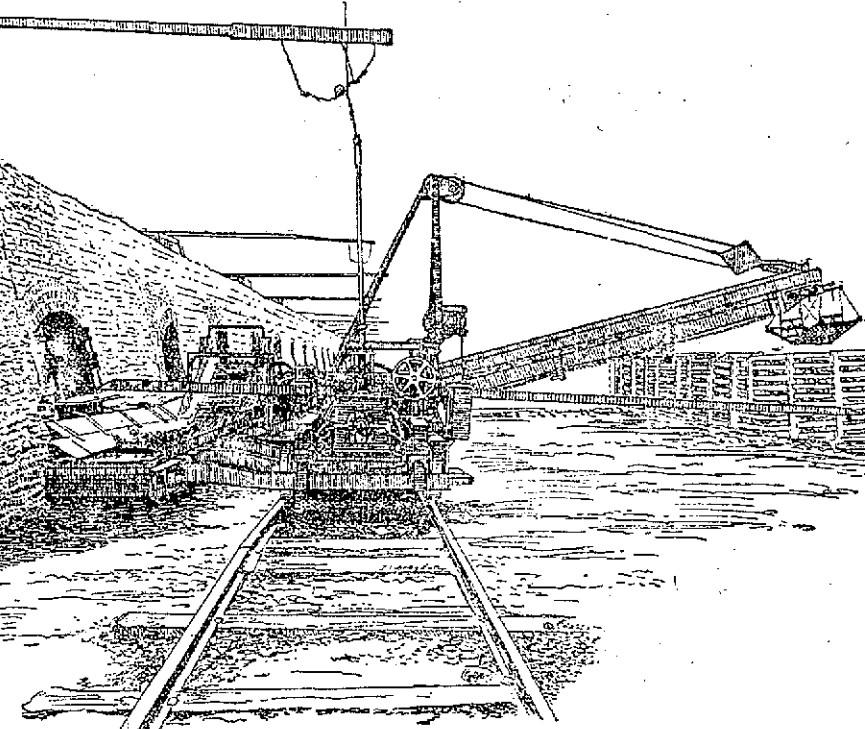
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